

of the House of Representatives whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

**RULE 21. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS OF MARKUPS
AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

An official stenographic transcript shall be kept accurately reflecting all markups and other official meetings of the full Committee and the Subcommittees, whether they be open or closed to the public. This official transcript, marked as "uncorrected," shall be available for inspection by the public (except for meetings closed pursuant to clause 2(g)(1) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House), by Members of the House, or by Members of the Committee together with their staffs, during normal business hours in the full Committee or Subcommittee office under such controls as the Chairman of the full Committee deems necessary. Official transcripts shall not be removed from the Committee or Subcommittee office.

If, however, (1) in the drafting of a Committee or Subcommittee decision, the Office of the House Legislative Counsel or (2) in the preparation of a Committee report, the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation determines (in consultation with appropriate majority and minority committee staff) that it is necessary to review the official transcript of a markup, such transcript may be released upon the signature and to the custody of an appropriate committee staff person. Such transcript shall be returned immediately after its review in the drafting session.

The official transcript of a markup or Committee meeting other than a public hearing shall not be published or distributed to the public in any way except by a majority vote of the Committee. Before any public release of the uncorrected transcript, Members must be given a reasonable opportunity to correct their remarks. In instances in which a stenographic transcript is kept of a conference committee proceeding, all of the requirements of this rule shall likewise be observed.

**RULE 22. PUBLICATION OF DECISIONS AND
LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE**

A press release describing any tentative or final decision made by the full Committee or a Subcommittee on legislation under consideration shall be made available to each Member of the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than the next day. However, the legislative draft of any tentative or final decision of the full Committee or a Subcommittee shall not be publicly released until such draft is made available to each Member of the Committee.

E. STAFF

RULE 23. SUPERVISION OF COMMITTEE STAFF

The staff of the Committee shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman of the full Committee except as provided in clause 9 of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives concerning Committee expenses and staff.

Pursuant to clause 6(d) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the full Committee, from the funds made available for the appointment of Committee staff pursuant to primary and additional expense resolutions, shall ensure that each Subcommittee receives sufficient staff to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the Committee, and that the minority party is fairly treated in the appointment of such staff.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 12, I missed the vote due to travel delays while returning from my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

**OPPOSITION TO THE WAR IN
AFGHANISTAN**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, opposition to the war in Afghanistan is growing. At a time when the divides in our nation seem beyond repair, Americans are united in their concern over the war.

A recent poll of conservatives conducted by the Afghanistan Study group shows that 71 percent of conservatives overall, and 67 percent of Tea Party supporters are concerned about the costs of the war in Afghanistan. They worry that the costs will make it difficult to address the deficit and balance the nation's budget by the end of the decade. Two-thirds of conservatives polled support a troop reduction, with a further 30 percent supporting full troop withdrawal.

More than 6 out of 10 Americans oppose the war in Afghanistan according to another poll conducted by CNN this month. 56 percent believe that things are going badly for the U.S. in Afghanistan.

Yet we are being assured of progress in Afghanistan as the date for withdrawal continues to slip into 2014.

The financial costs of the war are unsustainable. The human costs threaten to undermine our national, economic and moral security.

It is time to bring our troops home. It's time to dedicate our resources to nation building here at home.